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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 12, 16 – 18, 20 – 24, 26 – 38, 42, 46 – 48 and 50 have been cancelled.
Claims 8, 9, 11, 13, 19, 25, 39, 40, 41, 3, and 49 have been amended. Claims 8 – 11, 13 – 15, 19, 25, 39 – 41, 43 – 45, and 49 are pending in this Application.

The Office Action indicated that claims 8 – 11, 13 – 15, 19, 25, 39 – 41, 43 – 45, and 49 were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. These claims have been so amended. All other claims have been cancelled. The Applicants therefore respectfully assert that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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